Don't Sell the Sun

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The Sun newspaper’s journalism and articles have consistently proven to be discriminatory, inaccurate, and misleading. As a result of the negative impact The Sun’s journalism has had (and will continue to have) upon Sheffield Students’ Union members and staff, Sheffield Students’ Union should not sell, endorse, or promote the newspaper in any of our outlets.

This Union Notes:
1. The following Students’ Unions and Associations have boycotted The Sun: London School of Economics SU, University of Edinburgh SA, Edge Hill SU
2. Two Sheffield students lost their lives in the Hillsborough Disaster (1989)
3. The Sun has previously published misleading and factually incorrect articles about Muslims
4. The parent organisation of The Sun, News International, has been found guilty of phone hacking
5. The Sun newspaper is widely available locally, and would remain so under an SU boycott

This Union Believes:
1. The Sun’s coverage of the Hillsborough Disaster inaccurately accused victims and survivors of criminal offences
2. The Sun’s coverage of the Hillsborough Disaster caused irreparable harm to victims and their families
3. The Sun regularly places the successes of women in a significantly less favourable position than those of men
4. The Sun is harmful to the reputation of (British) Journalism

This Union Resolves:
1. To remove The Sun from all our outlets: boycotting the sale, endorsement, and promotion of The Sun.
2. To support and work alongside Don’t Buy the Sun and Justice for the 96 campaigns

POLICY HISTORY:

This policy was approved by Students Union Council in April 2016.

This policy is next due for review in November 2018.